

Application No. 09/550,476

Attorney Docket No. KLR 7146.019

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001, the Examiner objected to claims 5 and 18, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 5, and claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 1 is submitted to be allowable.

Claims 3-4, and 6-15 depend from claim 1, and hence are also in condition for allowance.

Likewise, claim 16 has been amended to include the limitation of claims 17 and 18, and claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Claim 16 should therefore be allowable.

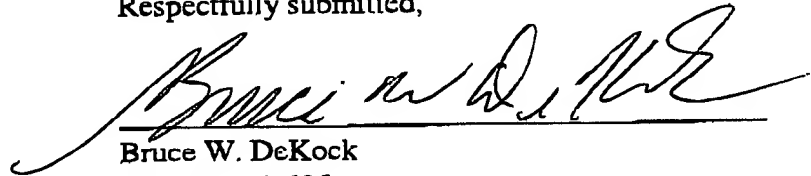
Claims 19-24 depend from claim 16, and are also in condition for allowance.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 25-38 were allowed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the claims to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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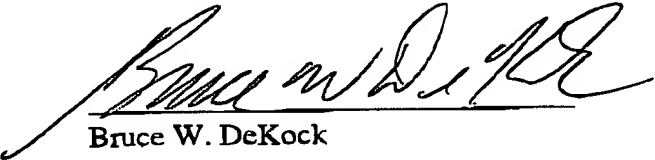
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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to Examiner Marthe Marc-Coleman at (703) 305-7687 on February 14, 2002.

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